

J. DAVIES



2016 J. DAVIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON *ESTATE, DIAMOND MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY*

WINERY

After Jack and Jamie Davies revived the historic Schramsberg property in Napa Valley, their son, Hugh Davies, initiated a red wine program using the family's estate vineyards on Diamond Mountain. Starting in the 1990s, Hugh undertook the replanting of the home property to red Bordeaux varietals leading to the J. Davies Cabernet program; he later partnered with North Coast growers to launch Davies Vineyards Pinot Noirs.

WINE

The Davies family, owners of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents the sixteenth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon from its historic Diamond Mountain estate, acquired in 1965. First released with the 2001 vintage, J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon reflects two generations of the family's dedication to the site and is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who, with his wife Jamie, revived Schramsberg and helped establish one of America's leading sparkling wine houses.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard blocks, totaling 41 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 500 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by

Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with ideal weather condition throughout. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August, and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness for the light yields that were present.

WINEMAKING

22 months in 62% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

"This Cabernet opens with rich aromas of red raspberry and red plum, accentuated by undertones of cocoa powder and cola spice. Supple tannins anchor the wine's well-structured palate, where a concentrated entry of baked strawberry and blackberry leads to a juicy acidity and lengthy finish."

– Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

– Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Soil:	Predominantly composed of bale loam and river wash
Exposure:	Southern exposure
Coopers:	Boutes, Damy, Atelier, Taransaud
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable, Solar

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon , 10% Malbec, 6% Petit Verdot
Harvest Dates:	September 19 - October 22, 2016
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 62% new French oak

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14.7%
Total Acidity:	6.6 g/L
pH:	3.82